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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and comments are directed to the Office Action dated November 1, 2000 which provided a period for response set to expire on February 1, 2001. Additional copies of the sequence listings and related documents for compliance with the requirements for patent applications containing sequence disclosures were provided to the Examiner on August 14, 2000. These were the same documents as filed with the Patent Office on the August 19, 1999 filing date. If further information is required, please let us know.

Claims 22-40 are pending in the present case. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 22-39.

AMENDMENTS

Applicant requests that the following amendments be entered in the claims.

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